



**Bille na dTithe (Tréimhsí Feithimh maidir le hÍocaíocht
Cúnaimh Tithíochta) (Forálacha Ilghnéitheacha)
(Leasú), 2019**

**Housing (Housing Assistance Payment Waiting Times)
(Miscellaneous Provisions) (Amendment) Bill 2019**

Meabhrán Mínitheach
Explanatory Memorandum



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General

The purpose of the Bill is to set out new statutory deadlines for processing Housing Assistance Payment applications and social housing assessment applications. The bill will halve the current social housing assessment times and set a 3 week deadline for Housing Assistance Payment processing times.

Provisions

Section 1 – 2

This section outlines citations of relevant acts, definitions and the right of the Minister to commence the Act on a set date.

Section 3

This section sets out a statutory timeframe of 3 weeks for processing a Housing Assistance Payment by the relevant Local Authority. There is no such time frame currently.

Section 4

This section revokes section 12(1) of S.I 84/2011 which currently sets out a 12 week statutory timeframe for processing

Section 5

This section amends section 20 (4) of the Housing Miscellaneous Act 2009 by setting a new 3 week timeframe for processing social housing assessments.

Costs

There are no additional costs to the exchequer anticipated under this Act.

Senators Jennifer Murnane O'Connor, Catherine Ardagh, Lorraine Clifford-Lee.

October, 2019.

